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Applicant(s): Ford et al.) Group Art Unit: 1636
Serial No.: 09/600,392) Examiner: Gerald G. Leffers, Jr.
Confirmation No.: 4850)
Filed: September 8, 2000)
For: AN AUTOREGULATORY SYSTEM FOR VALIDATING MICROBIAL
GENES AS POSSIBLE ANTIMICROBIAL TARGETS USING A
TETRACYCLINE-CONTROLLABLE ELEMENT

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 9-11. The amended claims are provided below in clean form. Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, amended claims are also shown in Appendix A with notations to indicate changes made (for convenience, all pending claims, including those added hereby, are provided in Appendix A).

C 1. [AMENDED] A process for the identification of a microbial gene encoding a gene product that is important to a microbe's ability to infect or sustain an infection in a mammal, which process comprises:



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A Petition for Extension of Time for _____ month(s) and a check in the amount of \$_____ for the required fee.

An Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs); 1449 form (1 pg); and copies of 3 documents cited on the 1449 form.

A check in the amount of \$180, for Information Disclosure Statement fee.

A certified copy of a _____ application, Serial No. ___, filed _____, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

Other: Amendment and Response (14 pgs, including Appendix A (4 pgs)).
Amendment _____ No Additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown:

Fee Calculation for Claims Pending After Amendment					
Pending Claims after Amendment (1)	Claims Paid for Earlier (2)	Number of Additional Claims (1-2)	Cost per Additional Claim	Additional Fees Required	
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Independent Claims			x \$84 =		
One or More New Multiple Dependent Claims Presented? If Yes, Add \$280 Here					
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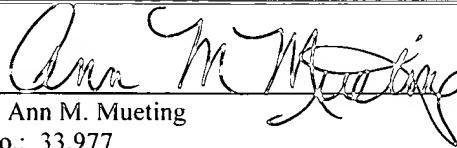
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